

# VIRGINIA CROP YIELD BEST IN ENTIRE NATION

General Showing at Harvest Is More Than 5 Per Cent Above Figures of Ten-Year Average

## TABACCO MAKES BIG JUMP

Estimated Gain in Value of All Products Is Fifty Millions in Excess of Last Year's Total

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 25.—The harvest of crops in Virginia has been practically completed, and the preliminary estimates of yields show that the average of yields per acre this year of all crops is 5.4 per cent above the average for the past ten years, according to the member report of the Virginia Crop Reporting Service. It is interesting to note that yields in Virginia are above the average, while for the United States the average of yields for all crops is 3.4 per cent below the ten-year average.

**BIG JUMP IN VALUE.**  
The crop yields in Virginia this fall are in marked contrast to those of last year, which was one of the poorest crop seasons on record. The production of all crops, except peanuts, is considerably greater than last year, and the total value of all crops will be approximately \$50,000,000 in excess of last year's total of \$131,000,000.

The average yield per acre of corn is estimated to be 23 bushels, compared with 25 bushels last year and 20 bushels in 1920, and 26.5 bushels the average for the past ten years. The yield has been unusually good in the northern, western, central and southern districts, and while the crop was good in the southwest, the yield is not quite up to the heavy yield last year.

In the eastern and southeastern districts the season was too wet and proved unfavorable for heavy yields. The total production is estimated to be 54,775,000 bushels, compared with 47,500,000 bushels last year and 53,225,000 bushels the average for the past ten years. The average price on November 1 was 77 cents, compared with 72 cents last year. The total production in the United States is 2,895,108,000 bushels, compared with 3,080,372,000 bushels last year and 2,836,942,000 bushels the ten-year average.

## TABACCO CROP ESTIMATE.

The preliminary estimate of the Virginia tobacco crop is 161,975,000 pounds, which is slightly less than was indicated last month by the completion of the crop harvest. The production this year is 76 per cent greater than last year, when 91,859,000 pounds were grown and 10 per cent less than the record crop of 179,459,000 pounds in 1920. The quality of the tobacco is unusually good, being reported at 90 per cent, compared with 66 per cent last year and 82 the ten-year average.

The average yield of white potatoes is estimated to be 118 bushels per acre, compared with 108 last year. The yield of the early commercial crop was not quite as good as last year, but the late crop throughout the State was generally much better. The total production is 16,835,000 bushels, of which 82 per cent was grown for market. Shipments of the early crop were 17,665 cars, or 10,599,000 bushels, compared with 18,273 cars, or 10,964,000 bushels, in 1921.

The sweet potato crop has been very good, being estimated at 135 bushels per acre which compares with 95 bushels last year, 127 bushels in 1920 and 140 bushels in 1919. The Eastern Shore is the largest producing section and has already shipped 5,290 cars, compared with 4,778 cars for the entire season last year. It is estimated that 70 per cent of the total crop grown for market.

The production of fruits was much better than was expected last spring after the injury from the freeze and frosts. Apples are reported to have been 44 per cent of a full crop, compared with 4 per cent last year and 63 per cent the ten-year average. The commercial crop is estimated to be 32,000 barrels and already 2,848 cars or 492,000 barrels have been shipped. Pears are reported at 54 per cent of a full crop compared with 6 per cent last year and

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# Avidly Grabs Contracts to Execute Men

Hangman Solicits Business Through Mails on "Cut Rate" Basis.

By International News Service.  
TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 25.—William S. Gilbert, the night watchman, who hopes to become the "nation's executioner," announced that he has started on his way to that goal. He has obtained one contract to hang a man in a Western State and a tentative contract to execute some one in another State.

Gilbert has not heard from Judge Hartwell, presiding at the trial of the five men in the Herrin killings at Marion, Ill., regarding Gilbert's request to be executioner if the men were convicted.

Gilbert has been soliciting business through the mails, offering to either hang or electrocute condemned men on a "cut rate" basis.

Against 35 last year and 80 the ten-year average.

The average yield of peanuts is reported to be 740 pounds per acre which applied to the total of 127,000 acres give a production of \$3,580,000.

The average yield of sorghum for syrup was 34 gallons per acre which compares with 33 last year and 36 the ten-year average. The production is estimated to be 1,222,000 gallons against 1,079,000 gallons last year.

The average yield of buckwheat was 19.5 bushels compared with 21 last year and 19.6 the ten-year average. The dry weather in the Southwest, where most of this crop is grown, reduced the yield.

The crop of cowpeas for both grain and forage was unusually good. The yield of grain is reported to be 91 per cent of normal compared with 79 last year, and the yield of forage was 98 per cent of normal compared with 85 per cent last year and 84 per cent the ten-year average.

## To Hold Celebration Of Tug River Highway

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Celebration of the progress made on the Tug river highway will be held by the Williamson Chamber of Commerce at its semi-annual banquet on the night of December 5.

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# GERMANY'S "BABY" CABINET TOTTERING

Collapse Threatened on Third Day of Life—Fascist Movement Grows.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND.  
Special Wireless to Universal Service.  
BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Scarcely three days old, the Cuno cabinet is already tottering.

With Food Minister Mueller forced to resign after only thirty-six hours incumbency under charges that he was mixed up in the Rhineland separatist movement, threats were made today against another leading member of the cabinet.

Besides increasing food riots and communist plunderings in Saxony and Brunswick and the fascist movement in Bavaria are giving the new chancellor sleepless nights.

The fascists boasted that they have recruited 40,000 new members this week.

Increasing clashes between "gray-shirts" and socialists and communists have impelled the Bavarian government to issue a decree forbidding the carrying of clubs, bludgeons and metal knuckles are also forbidden by police order.

Using slingshots as arms, Hitler, the fascist leader, has been meeting the radical terror with bitterness so intense that opposing groups ambush and waylay one another.

Hitler planned to move on the radical camp at Regensburg, Bavaria, tonight, with a thousand warriors armed with blisses.

# Missouri Giant "Looks Down" On President

By International News Service.  
E. R. DRYDEN, of St. Louis, Mo., is one man who can say he has looked down on the President of the United States.

Dryden, six feet five inches tall, called at the White House yesterday at the head of a delegation from the George Washington Masonic Lodge of St. Louis.

"Well," the President remarked, glancing over the huge frame of Dryden, "you are one man I have to look up to."

## Montague's Son Given Parson, Refused Niece

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 25.—Lieut. Robert L. Montague, son of Congressman A. J. Montague, has been awarded the distinguished service cross for bravery in action, the parents here were notified.

While first lieutenant of the Fifty-first Company, Second Division, United States Marines, Lieut. Montague, on November 1, 1918, the citation says, "voluntarily led a group of men in a flanking movement against a withering machine gun fire and under a heavy artillery bombardment entered and took the town of Landreville, capturing 150 prisoners."

Lieut. Montague now is attached to the staff of Gen. Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps, in Washington.

# TWO-STATE OYSTER NAVY IS KEPT BUSY

After Frequent Clashes With Dredges Lawless Element Is Chased Out.

NEWPORT NEWS, Nov. 24.—The situation on the Potomac river, where the citizens of Virginia and Maryland have equal rights for oyster fishing, has been very strenuous since the opening of the dredging season on November 1. The entire oyster navy of the two States has been partially unable to cope with the situation, as about 200 big Maryland dredges and crews and 500 large Virginia boats have been dragging the bottom with windlasses and dredges. The law prohibits anything but sails as motive power for the vessels and the temptation in calm days to the gasoline motor keeps the police of the two States on the jump.

In addition, the dredges are required to throw back all shells and oysters under two and one-half inches in length.

The situation became acute a few days ago when the fleet of large boats attempted to resist the police boats. "In the first few days there were many clashes, but the more lawless element has been weeded out, returning to Baltimore or down the Chesapeake Bay."

There are still 500 boats on the river which are daily disciplined and overhauled by the police officers.

While oysters are scarce in the Potomac, owing to reckless dredging

# Story of Ills Gets Work For Bridegroom

Man Stranded With Bride May Take His Choice of Several Jobs.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 25.—Thanks to a newspaper story disclosing the sad plight in which he was spending his honeymoon, P. R. Sweet, twenty-seven, East St. Louis, Ill., who was stranded penniless in this city last night, with Mary, twenty, his bride of ten days, had his choice of several places to work today when he woke up in his cell at the city jail. Several persons who read that the young couple had appealed to the police for shelter, because they had no place else to go, called up police headquarters as soon as the editions of the morning papers were on the street and offered jobs for the man.

The Sweets were married in Springfield, Ill., on November 16, and three days later the bridegroom was furloughed indefinitely by the railroad for which he worked. He came to Cincinnati looking for a job, failed to find it, and appealed to the police, penniless and hungry and carrying his wife who had fainted twice for lack of food. A newspaper "sob" story did the rest.

In the past, those now being caught are in fine condition. Baltimore, Crisfield and Washington Markets are receiving the larger portion of the catch.

# DEMANDS TRANSFER OF PROHIBITION UNIT

Rep. Hill of Maryland Wants Enforcement Under Justice Department.

Charging that prohibition enforcement under Commissioner Haynes has become "tuttle and publicly scandalous," Representative John Phillip Hill, of Maryland, in a letter to Chairman Volstead, of the House Judiciary Committee, yesterday urged immediate consideration of his bill providing for transfer of the prohibition unit to the Department of Justice.

He reminded Chairman Volstead that he appeared before the committee May 13 last to urge adoption of the measure as an amendment to the so-called medical beer bill.

"At the same time Wayne B. Wheeler, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League," Representative Hill wrote, "strenuously opposed the amendment. Since that time it has become obvious that attempted enforcement of the Volstead Act by the prohibition unit under Prohibition Commissioner Haynes has become conducive to disrespect for the law."

The Hill bill provides that the Attorney General's department "shall investigate and prosecute violations of the Volstead Act and shall have entire execution of all portions thereof which do not directly relate to the raising of revenue."

It is also provided in the measure

# Morgue Visit For Speeders Proposed Here

RECKLESS drivers, beware! Judge John P. McMahon, Traffic Court justice, is considering whether he will use the drastic method of Judge Charles L. Bartlett, of Detroit, who punished seven traffic violators by having them view the victims of their negligence at the morgue.

It is probable the justice will make a decision some time during Safety Week.

That "all provisions of the national prohibition act relating to its enforcement inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed."

## Charge Two With Murder In Oyster Tongs' War

SALISBURY, Md., Nov. 25.—As the result of the death of Emerson Pritchett in the Cambridge Hospital yesterday, from wounds received during a rifle battle between oyster tongs Thursday, William Travers and Capt. John Collier, of Nanticoke, were arrested today and charged with murder.

They will be arraigned Monday. The war between the tongs grew out of a dispute over privately owned oyster beds in this section.

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